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WASHINGTON.
 Continuation of Witnesses' Recitals in the
 Star Route Trial.
 Important Court Decisions—A Cabinet Meeting—A Retired Officer.

Washington, January 30.—In the star route case the court decided to reject that part of the evidence by the witness McBean, relative to a representation made to him by Moore about the expedition of the Cannon City and McDermott route. The witness said the increase and expedition promised by Moore followed immediately. Moore and Williamson called at his stable and offered \$50 a month to carry the mail. He refused, and Moore said it did not matter, the route would be increased in a few days. Did not believe him at first but finally took the sub-contract upon Moore's promise to go down to Camp Horlie and show him the papers to prove his authority to make such a statement. The route from Mineral Park to Pierce, Arizona, was taken up for inspection. Clerk Callahan testified that some of the writing on the docket was of a former clerk of the inspection division, named Gonzalez.

"Where is Gonzalez?" asked Kerr. "In Colorado, I have heard," answered the witness.

Kerr—He is in Denver is he not, editing a star route paper called the Denver World?

DaVIDGE—Mr. Kerr had better get on the stand and testify.

Rear Admiral Andrew Bryson was placed on the retired list of the navy under operation of the retirement law.

The Indian office received advice that Captain Payne was making preparations for another raid on the Oklahoma lands in the Indian Territory about February 1st.

The postmaster-general to-day issued an order forbidding the delivery of money orders and registered letters to Fleming & Merriam, R. E. Kendall & Co., Chase, J. Henri & Co., Berlett Holzman & Co., and Cudworth & Co., all of Chicago, and nominally engaged as grain and stock brokers, under which cover it is alleged they receive money for investment, making little or no return therefor.

The cabinet held an unimportant meeting with all present except Mr. Frothingham.

The treasury was closed at noon in respect to the memory of the late Colonel Irish.

In the court of commissioners on Alabama claims, arguments in the case of Colonel Samuel Steves vs. the United States were heard.

This is a test case involving the question of the authority of the court to recognize the assignee as the proper claimant. The court reserved the decision and adjourned till the 14th of February, when 13,000 cases on the docket will be called.

FRANCE.

Active Debate in the Chamber of Deputies—Great Excitement.

Paris, January 30.—Follieres is down with sickness, while defending Fabrice's bill proscribing pretenders to the throne, Follieres faltered. Congestion of the brain is feared. The deputies adjourned till Thursday.

Previous to the illness of Follieres, Renault a Republican spoke strongly against Floquet's position, as the government measure declaring such attacks on liberty would not be approved by the vote of the whole people. A member of the chamber shouted, "You are an Orleansist."

Renault replied: "Since Count de Paris has gone to Frohsdorf the Orleansist party has died."

The excitement was increased by Renault pointing to the dilemma which would arise should the congress of two houses despite the proposed law to nominate a prince for president of the republic. Renault said he admitted the government's right to a defense but not persecution.

Follieres said—if the web of intrigue, which at least by silence is encouraged, by the princes had not been woven around the governments' representatives in the question of rendering the security of the country complete, it would still have arisen; but as a matter of fact, advantage has been taken of the liberty enjoyed under the republic, to the government which was a national sovereignty and on itself for its preservation.

BEATING TIME.

The Summer Express to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific in Thirty-four Hours.

Troy, New York, January 30.—The statement is published here as coming from a prominent railroad man that the Vanderbilt special train to San Francisco will be run on the new fast schedule, and therefore the next Summer passenger express will run regularly from San Francisco, with a reduction from the present time of from thirty-three hours. It is said Vanderbilt will give the matter close examination during his trip, and, soon after his return, a public announcement of the running time will be made, showing the shortening of time between New York and Chicago from thirty-three hours, the present time, to twenty-four hours, and from Chicago to Omaha by the Northwest road, from twenty-two hours the present time to fifteen hours. Between Omaha to Ogden by the Union Pacific, from twenty-two hours the present time to fifteen hours.

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